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Subject: Attn: Committee Chair Mr. Wayne A. Schmidt and Commerce Committee Members

Dear House Committee Members,

I've have been alerted that the new bill for the film tax incentives has passed the Senate and is now under consideration from the republican controlled House.

As a filmmaker, I was very disappointed with the lack of consideration from Governor Snyder when he slashed the incentives to a 25 million cap for 2012. We have lost not only opportunities for growth for building a film production infrastructure here, but also the jobs that were paying our crew and talent from out of state dollars spent from Hollywood and the run off from adjacent industrial such as hotels, restaurants, equipment houses, etc. As Michigan is in dire need of jobs and a fresh breath of industry I hope that this new bill will be looked at closely. I've had friends booked on jobs that came in only to be ripped away from them because the Governor didn't have knowledge of how this industry works and he hastily made cuts.

With the housing industry, stock market, and economy on its way down (the smart people know that the FED pumping dollars into the economy will only create massive inflation and its just a matter of time before it comes crashing down with insane rising interest rates), my humble opinion is that we should be building industry, focusing on prosperity, and creating a new market for jobs and growth that we have all ready proven we can do, because in 2 years it will be MUCH harder to do this when the value of the dollar is lost and the government debt bubble finally bursts.

I really do think Michigan can be a leader in the Midwest film industry. We have great talent here. We just need the time to advance that talent and a consistent soil base that doesn't change willy nilly in order to plant firm roots.

Sincerely,

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